

# **AKAMAI UNIVERSITY**

## **ACADEMIC MISSION AND PURPOSE**

### **Founding Mission of the Institution**

The mission of Akamai University is founded upon the premise that amelioration of major world problems and the creation of sustainable lifestyles and global practices are the hallmarks of responsible individual and corporate world citizenship. As generators of new knowledge and developers of new systems, our sole mission as an institution is the advancement of the human condition and sustainability of the planet.

Akamai University is an alternative institution of higher learning with headquarters in Hilo, Hawaii. Established as a non-profit tax-exempt corporation, Akamai is governed by a seven member Board of management in accordance with its corporate charter and 501(c)(3) status.

### **Academic Mission Statement**

The primary academic mission of Akamai University, as an institution of higher education, is to provide mature adults with the opportunity to pursue life-long learning in an environment that supports flexible and individualized studies. Akamai University is committed to the design and use of appropriate cutting edge information, models, textual materials, and technological applications for delivery of quality degree programs, research, training, and distance-learning experiences.

To further this Mission the University has developed the following goals:

### **Educational Goals**

1. To provide access to superior educational experiences, research programs, and demonstration projects that improve the human condition and the sustainability of human systems.
2. To facilitate the generation of new knowledge and the development of new systems to advance responsible individual and organizational world citizenship.
3. To develop knowledge, skills, resources, and relationships and promote competence, leadership, and social intelligence.

### **Purpose**

The University is committed to the implementation of the Academic Mission in providing mature adults with the opportunity to pursue life-long learning in an environment that supports flexible and individualized studies. To provide focus and direction in the planning for the implementation of the academic mission, the University offers:

- Graduate level degree programs in the distance learning mode at the Master's and doctoral levels through its Centers for Study in the areas of Applied Psychology and Human Services, Business and Economic Development, Ecological and Environmental Studies, Education and Literacy, Health and Wellness, Sustained Human Development, Transpersonal and Consciousness Studies

- Graduate Certificate Programs in the distance learning mode through its Centers in the areas of, Business and Economic Development, Ecological and Environmental Studies, Education and Literacy, Global Health and Wellness, Applied Psychology and Human Services, Sustained Human Development, Information Technology and Media Studies, Energy Medicine, Transpersonal and Consciousness Studies, and through the Division of Strategic Internet Technologies.
- Basic Educational Courses leading to Associate Degrees in arts and sciences.
- Support to affiliate undergraduate programs, courses, and certificate programs leading to graduate degree programs in the distance-learning mode.
- Professional Development and Continuing Education Courses leading to occupational upgrading or for personal satisfaction in life-long learning.
- Customized courses and individualized, flexible graduate programs for individuals designed for maximization of achievement of their educational and career goals.
- Continuous individual counseling and guidance to students to assist them in achieving their career and personal goals through the distance-learning mode.
- Support of local special retreats and workshops to promote leadership, intercultural relationships, competence, and social intelligence.

The University, committed to ensure that its Mission and Purposes are implemented sees as one of its major responsibilities, the establishment of a broad database in support of its various approaches to curricular content and applications. To meet this responsibility, the University through its Academic Council, the body responsible for all academic activities of the institution, has instituted the following offices:

#### **Director of Academic Affairs**

It is the responsibility of this office:

- To provide leadership in setting and maintaining academic standards in curriculum and teaching.
- To work in concert with the Academic Officers in assuring University standards are met
- To insure that quality control mechanisms are instituted within each Center insuring superior educational experiences and the development of quality educational degree programs
- To assist the Center Directors to maintain standards in teaching, syllabi development, and provide oversight on scope and sequence of all degree and certificate programs
- To interact with faculty and encourage faculty development activities to design and use cutting edge materials, new models and advanced technological advancements

#### **Director of Research**

It is the responsibility of this office:

- To direct and encourage independent and/or institutionally sponsored research of the faculty and dissemination of the projects for faculty and graduate students
- To provide suggestions to faculty regarding on-going scholarship activities of the faculty
- To provide information on new technological applications for research for faculty and graduate students.

- To direct joint projects and research collaborations within the faculty
- To assist faculty in writing research grants and funding for research

### **Director of Community Service Projects**

It is the responsibility of this office:

- To direct outreach Initiatives for the University
- To set and maintain standards of affiliated programs of the Academic Centers
- To support and encourage institutional grant programs
- To support the development of a gifts/development program to sustain the University
- To oversee the facilitation of local Hawaii-based sponsored special retreats and workshops